

# The Parable of the Sower



There once was a farmer  
who was planting, or  
sowing, seeds in his garden.

Some of the seeds he  
planted fell on stony  
ground.

These seeds began to grow quickly into plants, but they did not have any roots because of the rocky soil.

The plants could not get any food or water from the soil; therefore, they died.

Other seeds the farmer tried to plant fell in among **thorns**.

These seeds could not grow because they were **choked** out. In other words, they had no room to grow into plants.

However, many seeds fell in good soil. These seeds grew into beautiful plants.

They **produced** lovely flowers, tasty vegetables, and delicious fruit.

The best part is the flowers, fruit, and vegetables **produce** new seeds.

These seeds can be planted again to make new plants in the **future** for the farmer to enjoy.

The meaning of this parable is that the word of God (YHWH) is the seed that the farmer sowed. The seed that fell in the stony ground is when the Word of God (YHWH) is heard by people who receive the message and immediately like what they hear, but they have no roots, or background understanding, and the message falls away from them rather quickly. The seed that fell in amongst the thorns is like the person who hears the Word, but is unwilling to listen and the message itself becomes useless. The seed that falls on good soil is like when a person hears the Word of God (YHWH) and understands it, and then most importantly, changes how they live to please the LORD. Those people then go out and plant new seeds so the Kingdom of God (YHWH) continues to grow and flourish.

The Parable of the Sower  
can be found in Matthew  
13:18-23 and Mark 4:3-9.